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A Challenge to Democracy

The treatment of the American Negro by the United States is a challenge to democracy. According to the Declaration of Independence and the ideals of the Pilgrims and Puritans, who came to America not as the southern colonists, who came as single gentlemen to acquire great wealth and return to England and there live happily ever afterwards—the Pilgrims and Puritans came in families to establish a new nation. They wanted to follow the ideals of Jesus Christ and in America build the Kingdom of God, a nation with quality in every phase of life, with liberty and justice for all.

The Central Intelligence Agency (the CIA) is an organization that our government set up to give to the various nations of the world an excellent image of America as the leader of democracy for all people. Her treatment of the Negro is the dark spot on the horizon. For this reason Carl Rowan and Howard Woods were called into the CIA to help change this image, which is not convincing to the world. For this

reason Charles E. Guggenheim with his production studio at 14 N. Newstead interviewed Dr. Herman Dreer for two hours to obtain his opinion of the most representative Negroes throughout the history of America, in order to produce a film that would change the conception foreigners abroad have of America as a democracy. He was asked by the CIA to produce this film.

With the Vietnam War, the natives wonder why Negroes are fighting in their land, since they themselves have suffered for about 25 years indignities from the white man, the French in particular. Last week the Argus answered that question.

But here is a fact that puzzles the people of Vietnam and the Negroes and liberal whites of the United States: With the Negroes being only 10% of the population, why do they represent about 27% of the casualties in Vietnam. The Negro in America would also like to know why this differential?